

LET'S TALK IT OVER

NO sensible American can want to hand over his country to a laugh; no reasonable Englishman would want to let both sides of the Atlantic be down at the present moment. An Englishman, like Sir Edmund Gray, in his last broadcast, "in an unprecedented low key," told us a depressing fact that whereas the fighting men of both countries have been fighting their comrades, there are some British and American civilians who do nothing but snarl over imaginary grievances.

At the front the paramount consideration is always how to beat the Germans. Nothing else matters. That is why General Eisenhower did not hesitate to give Field-Marshal Montgomery command of all the Allied troops now available in Europe.

The news once again released in America before it was published here, is welcome to us, too. It is good news, we hope, but because we are convinced "Monty" is the best man for the job.

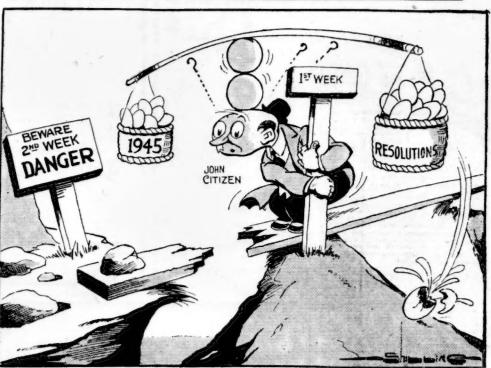
And that is also the opinion of the American Commander-in-Chief, and of every American citizen. A Frenchman, Marshal Poch, led the Allies in the final assault on the last war. In this one, as in that, the common purpose in the comradeship of armament overrules all national rivalries.

And the same kind of comradeship will be to make us strong among the United Nations if they hope to turn their final victory to good account.

We should be careful not to exaggerate any of those "differences." President Roosevelt himself admires between the two great Democracies.

But facts are not changed by shrill, noisy, hysterical voices, and it is a fact that just lately—particularly since von Rundstedt came to the rescue of the Western Front—there has been a tendency—a two-way tendency—for the partners to blame each other.

In all friendliness, we leave the right to our American Allies that we were in this war long before they were; that we won the battle of Britain, and that we still are doing business with us on a "carry and carry" basis. We are not afraid of rescuing us from "Hitlerism" than we are rescuing them. It is a combined effort on the part



of many nations to rid the world of a deadly evil; however, certain Americans still believe that we ought to "help out" a sheet goodness. They have never asked themselves what have been done today. Britain had come first.

But, bless you, we have some honest, decent, hard-working people here just as there are in the Soviet recognition of the Lublin Committee as the Provisional Government of Poland. This does not brighten the prospect of international co-operation after the war is over.

The strength for all his tremendous and astonishing reserves of strength, has no hope of winning the war. He is staking everything on the outcome of the war.

That will not happen, because, it cannot happen, to let him have less than total defeat, would leave Great Britain, the United States, and every other free country, great or small, in deadly peril than when he started.

Politically, however, the atmosphere remains study and the political situation is as bad as the continuous ventilation of the venting of grievances alone, without the strength of a strong current of general anger.

We Britons have been under fire, having been left to deal by ourselves with the dire situation in Greece. It is a thankless task that our chief Allies were not actively and openly associated with us.

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"Man & the People write
on things that matter
to you & me."

and the devil was banished from popular pulpits, a great many people have grown tolerant of sin. Yes sin is rampant and hell is here. But the Devil, when he comes to the surface of consciousness in horrid forms when there is any violation of society.

HITLER and his fellow-conspirators conjured up the Devil when it was time to implant the human mind when they set out to convince the "Herrenvolk" that they were superior.

They made a cult of diabolism.

They glorified the worst instincts

of terror and terrorism as the tools

of their filthy trade.

They glorified the worst

of human nature.

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KERSH

Karmesin And The Unbeliever

"IDIOT!" said Karmesin, only half seriously. There are two kinds of us. One believes all he reads in the papers, the other nothing. You belong to the latter species.

"I tell you things, and you smile, and afterwards laugh. I would bet that you believe less than fifty per cent. in what I say, and more than you. Yet I pass as a truthful man."

I am not.

"Plut!" said Karmesin, and spat. Then he smiled. It was a smile that did not reach his eyes. "But you are young," he sighed, "and therefore foolish. I knew an unbeliever once."

"What happened?"

"You will not believe me."

"Tell me, anyway."

"I smoked a cigarette," said Karmesin, "and listen"—

I FOUND myself a mass of nerves. I was tired. I decided that it was time to give up. "I suppose you're going to Rocky Centre, because it was quiet."

"One night, I told it. Once, I told it. I might as well be afraid of murder, on account of the ghost. I'm a fool."

"I want to see a thing before I believe it."

"Don't you?" I asked.

"No. Once you're dead you're dead. Some people believe in second chances. I'm not. And a God, too. No such thing. I say: 'I want to see a thing before I believe it.' Don't you?"

"I suppose so."

"For myself," he said, "I should hate to think of an after-life."

I had to make conversation, so I said: "I'm near here?"

"Yes," he replied. "I have that house over there."

"That's mine," I said. "I became interested, because The Lodge was obviously the house of death."

"Yes," he said.

I looked at him. He was well-dressed, but obviously a fallible.

He went on: "You don't believe me, palm. On the contrary, I'm an unbeliever. I only believe what I see. But the fact is I do know where I'm staying. I told it from old Mr. Thurner."

"Son?" I asked.

"I'll wait on."

"Did I tell you?" he said.

"Oh, no," I said.

"I told you," he said.

"Mm." I did not want to talk to the fellow.

"Look at the moon on the



So I invited the American to The Lodge to see the ghost. It worked beautifully.

tear you to pieces like a dog's

I looked straight into his eyes. He had hideous little eyes which seemed to say "I think you're murderer," I said.

"No," he replied. "No. Not a soul. I'm not a murderer."

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"Eh?" he said.

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British Unit Rushed To The Rescue

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CHRISTMAS PARTY TO STOP RUNDSTEDT

By NED NORDNESS,

Associated Press War Correspondent

Berne, Belgium, Saturday.

A BRITISH armoured formation stopped von Rundstedt's most westerly advance three miles from the Meuse, one of the Germans' prime objectives, it was disclosed today.

While planning a Christmas celebration, this unit was called to guard three important bridges across the Meuse—at Namur, Dinant and Givet.

The Germans never reached the bridges. Instead the British drove them back eight to ten miles into their deepest penetration.

U.S. Needs More Gold!

From NEW YORK, Saturday.

AMERICA will soon be short of gold although a \$2 billion loan from Britain will bring its total reserves to \$10 billion.

The crazy-sounding paradox is that the British have an inflated volume of money in circulation.

Now, the Federal Reserve Bank must maintain a 40 per cent. gold backing for currency in circulation, which now exceeds \$3,300,000,000 yearly.

One report says Congress will probably vote a gold standard bill, to say, 25 per cent. of currency and deposits.

The concern is being expressed in the Press at the soaring demand for money. Writers of the moment, however, are evading, evading, are partly responsible.—Reuter.

Turkey Decides To Cage All Japs

EVERY Japanese in Turkey will be imprisoned by mid-January, not until such time as they can be exchanged for Turkish nationals held by Japan.

About 20 Japanese in Istanbul will be interned in the old Japahouse.

The Orientals have been found to be carrying on important spying activities.

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There are evil and baseless rumors among the Russians, against the British, and against our own American commanders, that we are not fighting with the same trade mark—Made in Britain.

In Europe, we will resolute rung against the Russians, the President declared: We have done more than our share in opposing in the history of modern warfare, and have driven the enemy back more than 3,000 miles.

The liberation of the Philippines will mean the Japanese has been driven from their coast in the East Indies."

Calling for increased production, the President said: "We must continue the decisive phases of the war the munitions we shall expect to be available.

We have constant need of new types of weapons."

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